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Mr. Michael Machado  
Delta Protection Commission  
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Dear Mr. Machado,

On behalf of the Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC], I am writing to express my strong support for a National Heritage Area [NHA] designation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, for which the Delta Protection Commission is developing a feasibility study.

RBOC is the nonprofit boater advocacy organization that works to protect and enhance the interests of the state's recreational boaters before the legislative and executive branches of state and local government. RBOC is in its 43rd year as a statewide organization promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

RBOC firmly believes that this project is closely aligned with our principles to protect and enhance the recreation and boating interests of California including the Delta. What impresses us most about this project is the commitment to establish a federal recognition of the Delta due to its assemblage of cultural and historical resources. NHA designation has the potential to help gain visibility to the role the Delta has served in the nation by being an important location for water based recreation, dating back to the Gold Rush era in the 1850s. A Delta NHA can also link recreational and historic sites of the Delta, utilizing the waterways as corridors.

Recreational Boaters of California gives full support for the application for the NHA designation and looks forward to being involved in the collaborative planning and implementing process.

Sincerely,

*Linda Bendsen*

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